

Wednesday, September 3, 2003

## Cultural Alliance Festival Weekend

Duxbury will celebrate its French Connection the weekend of Sept. 27 and 28. A calendar of events has been planned for all ages.

This year's festivities celebrate Duxbury Free Library's recently established sister relationship with the English speaking library in Angers, France. The library will host an open house from 1 - 4 p.m. on September 28 with a display on its sister library. The children's department will show the well-loved short film, *Le Ballon Rouge*. The Helen Bumpus Gallery is hosting a series of French children's games.

A breakfast of French toast, bacon, juice and coffee accompanied by classical music will be served at the Duxbury Senior Center on Sept. 28 from 9 a.m. - noon. Cost \$6. For reservations call 781-934-5774. At noon the French subtitled movie *Amelie*, will be shown.

The Maritime School will sponsor a Classic Boat Weekend Festival with over 40 wooden boats. Evening activities include a Shindig in the Shed and a Wet Paint Auction.

An exhibit on hand-painted dinnerware and pottery-Quimper will be offered at the Art Complex Museum's library at 189 Alden St. An afternoon opening reception will be held from 1:30-3:30 p.m., on September 28. A hands-on Art Exploration for children and their families based on the Quimper exhibit will be held from 1:30-3:30 p.m.

The Rural and Historical Society will present a lecture and demonstration on the French Atlantic Cable on Sept. 28, at 4 p.m., in the barn at the King Caesar House. A trustee of the Orleans Cable Museum Robert Enemark will recount the history of laying the ocean cable linking Duxbury to Brest, France. There will be a demonstration of functional equipment from Duxbury's 1869 telegraph station.

The South Shore Conservatory will present a musical salute to France with compositions by noted French composers. Music will be performed by students of the Conservatory at the Ellison Center for the Arts on Sept. 28, at 2:30 p.m. The French Connection at the Duxbury Art Association, also at the Ellison Center, offers a variety of work with a French theme with the opening reception from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. An ongoing exhibit at the John Alden Museum features America's first couple, John and Priscilla Alden.

All activities are open to the public and, with the exception of the Shindig in the Shed event and breakfast, are free.